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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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*Brown's Chapel Baptist Church, Greene County Association*

*Tommie Hinson, Pastor*

The Brown's Chapel Church has recently completed the re-construction of the outside of their building. The picture on the left shows the building before the work began.

The church has a good Sunday School and Training Union. Last month a W. M. U. was organized. We have a budget of \$278 a month. This includes a radio program heard each Sunday at 8:00 o'clock over station KDRS in Paragould. This church is giving \$600 to missions this year which is equally divided between state and associational mission work. The **Arkansas Baptist** goes weekly into every home of its membership.

Tommie Hinson has been pastor on this field since November 1, 1947. The church started its first full time program October 1, 1948. Last year 32 new members were received into the fellowship of the church, 23 of which came on profession of faith and baptism.





## Letter To The Editor

B. H. Duncan, Editor  
Arkansas Baptist  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Editor Duncan:

As secretary of the Bartholomew Association, I was directed at our last regular Executive Board meeting early this month to send you a strong protest against the editorial handling of news items sent to you concerning the work of our churches.

The brethren, whose names will be listed, were unanimous in their disappointment in at least three particulars: first, some articles were never printed in any form (yet other features were included which in our opinion were not as important); second, printing of others was unbearably delayed; and third, still others when printed, were hardly recognizable.

Trying to realize the manifold problems of your work, and desiring to manifest the Christian spirit, we felt this protest in order. These brethren, pastors and laymen, were present: Ed Cloud, Thomas H. Berry, W. T. Gardner, Harold White, W. L. Leach, Joe T. Wargington, J. R. Woods, T. T. Walker, W. W. Nutt, S. E. Powell, J. W. Buckner, Keith F. Babb, R. D. Washington, E. H. Acuff, W. J. Fox, and J. L. Woods.

Sincerely,  
Wesley A. Lindsey.

Wesley A. Lindsey, Pastor  
Second Baptist Church  
Monticello, Arkansas

Dear Brother Lindsey:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 16, in which you "protest the editorial handling of news items" from the churches; I wish to say that you and the other brethren named in your letter are wholly within your rights in registering your protest or complaint.

We of the Arkansas Baptist staff do not claim perfection or that we are above making mistakes. We are always glad to receive constructive criticisms and suggestions.

However, there are certain conditions which delay the handling of news items expeditiously that are beyond our power to control.

All copy must be in the hands of the printer by Friday of each week for the issue of the following week. We receive the first delivery of papers from the printer on Tuesday afternoon. We begin addressing the papers on Wednesday morning and finish Thursday morning.

Suppose a pastor reports some news item from a Sunday service, but because he is pressed with a multitude of duties he delays getting his report to us until the last of the week. It is then too late to publish it in the next week's issue. The very best we can do is to publish it the following week, which is actually the third issue of the paper after the date of the news item. We are powerless under present conditions to change this schedule.

Frequently news items are incomplete and we must write the sender for certain details of the story before we can publish it in full.

It is our policy to prepare all news items for the printer as soon as we receive them. If we fail in doing this occasionally, it may be attributed to an oversight occasioned by the pressure of more duties than can be crowded into a day's working hours.

Every publication worthy of the attention and time of its readers has an editorial policy and a distinctive style. It is therefore the obligation of the editorial staff to edit the material submitted for publication. Otherwise, consistency in policy and style would be impossible. If you could sit at the editor's desk for one week and be responsible for the selection of material to go into the paper and its preparation for the printer, I am confident you would better understand his responsibilities and problems.

Most of the news items we receive are submitted with the request to edit them before publication. We always appreciate such a spirit of co-operation.

I wish to assure you of our desire to publish the news from the churches week by week, and we have sought to encourage the pastors and churches throughout the state to send us news items. We would like to receive these news items as early in the week as possible so that we can publish them the following week, which is as early as any news item can appear. We would like to publish at least two full pages of news each week.

So brethren, send us the news from your churches. We want it; we will publish it just as soon as possible after receiving it. However, we are under obligation to edit the material which is submitted. We believe you will understand and appreciate that obligation.

Cordially and fraternally,  
B. H. Duncan.

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"If a man has talent and cannot use it, he has failed. If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partly failed. If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it, he has gloriously succeeded and won a satisfaction and a triumph few men ever know."

—Thomas Wolfe.

## Why Only Eight Pages?

Each quarter we have a month which has five Thursdays. That means that we publish five issues of the *Arkansas Baptist* in that month. It also means that we must publish the five issues without additional revenue. We regret that the sources of revenue for the *Arkansas Baptist* do not justify us in publishing the full 16-page paper each week for these months that have five Thursdays.

Should we publish the full 16-page paper in these five-issue months it would cost us an extra \$2,000 during the year. We fear, however, that the reduction in the size of the paper costs the denomination dearly in promotional value of the paper because an eight-page paper is not pleasing to our subscribers.

However, there is nothing the management can do about it until or unless the State Convention or the Executive Board makes it possible to publish the full 16 pages each week of publication.

Next week we shall give a report on the editorial page of a survey conducted by Editor John Jeter Hurt Jr. of the *Christian Index*, Atlanta, Georgia. This survey shows the support given the State papers by their respective State conventions. Be sure to look for this report next week.

—Editor.

## The Brazen Serpent

A Devotion by the Editor

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

Jesus draws a striking parallel between an event in the history of Israel, with which all the Jews were familiar, and His own end which He clearly foresees.

What did the bite of the serpent represent to Jesus?

The serpent injects his poison into one's being, a poison which either disintegrates the blood or paralyzes the nerve centers. This poison, a foreign and uncongenial substance, in the one case renders the blood helpless to perform its function in carrying the energizing and life-giving elements to all parts of the body; it stops the normal processes of life, causing excessive swelling, intense and agonizing pain and results in death; in the other case it disintegrates the nerve cells, bringing on paralysis, unconsciousness, and death.

This is a picture of the effects of the virus of sin which enters life by way of temptation. It is a poison which affects the spiritual nature, interfering with the normal functioning of a spiritual being. The poison of sin causes the disintegration of the spiritual powers of one's being, clogging the channels of love and grace which energize the spiritual life, and paralyze the spiritual nerve centers so as to render one insensible to all spiritual influences.

What was represented by looking upon the brazen serpent?

It was a little thing in itself, just to look upon the brazen serpent. What possible virtue could there be in a mere look? To be healed they must pass from distrust to faith in God, and the healing resulted from a spiritual act, it represented a return of faith. In this act of a mere look the will of man met and accepted the will of God, pride was dethroned and confidence restored.

Jesus said, "Everyone that believeth hath everlasting life." A little thing in itself, but indicating a great and revolutionary change of heart. Yet it is so easy that it is possible for any one and every one to look to Jesus and live.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14, 15).

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# Kingdom Progress

## Judsonia to Build

Pastor R. J. McMillan reports that on Sunday, March 20, the First Church, Judsonia voted to start immediately the construction of a new church building. The new building will be constructed of gray Batesville marble and of colonial architecture.

Since Pastor McMillan assumed the pastorate of the Judsonia church four months ago the Sunday School attendance has doubled and the Training Union attendance has increased 300 per cent.

Pastor McMillan says, "Our whole program has grown until our building facilities no longer take care of our needs."

Central Church, Jonesboro, Reese S. Howard, pastor, is accumulating a building fund for the purpose of adding a church auditorium to their present educational building. The sum of \$3,350 has been added to the building fund since the first of the year, bringing the total to \$12,350.

All receipts above the weekly operating budget go into the building fund. Pastor Howard addresses his people with the appeal, "If every member would bring at least a tithe to the Lord's house on the Lord's day, the house would soon be built."

Leonard Kaffka, pastor, Cash Baptist Church, was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the Cash Church recently. Missionary M. S. Lloyd conducted the questioning; the ordination sermon was preached by James H. Fitzgerald, Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro; the charge to the church was delivered by Clark Secoy, and the charge to the candidate by O. L. Conley. Ordination prayer was prayed by C. E. McCollum. The Bible was presented by Deacon Clark of the Cash Church.

All previous Sunday School attendance records were broken by the First Church, Searcy W. R. Vestal, pastor, when on March 20 there were 401 in the Sunday School. There were four additions to the church membership on that day.

First Church, Sylvan Hills, Little Rock, E. S. Ridgeway, pastor, conducted a Training Union Study Course recently. The group met one night a week for five weeks, and 60 qualified for awards. W. Paul Scroggins, Training Union director, reports that the following books were taught: **Adults:** "Building a Christian Home," taught by Pastor E. S. Ridgeway; **Young People:** "Planning a Life," taught by Lee Morgan; **Intermediates:** "Training in Christian Service," taught by Mrs. H. H. Mantooth; and **Juniors:** "Bible Heroes," taught by Miss Rose Mary Holt.

During the past month there have been additions to the church membership, four by baptism, and four by letter.

The First Church, Tyler, Texas, Porter M. Bailes, pastor, closed a revival meeting March 20, with Carl E. Bates, First Church, Texarkana, as visiting evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble, Shreveport, Louisiana, as singers. There were 89 additions to the church, and of this number 41 came on profession of faith for baptism.

## Helena Has First School Of Church Music

The State Director of Church Music, led the First Church, Helena, in their first School of Church Music the first week of March. The total enrolment in the school was 177, with an average daily attendance of 136.

There were three sessions of the school each day—a session with the Juniors in the afternoon, with the Young People in the early evening, and with the Adults at 7:30. One hundred twenty-seven people qualified for an award in "Practical Music Lessons" which was the textbook used in the school.

Ralph Douglas, pastor, Mrs. B. A. Sugg, Youth choir director, and Mrs. D. C. Wines, Adult choir director, cooperated in the school. Also, all of the regular accompanists, Mrs. Kenneth McElduff, Mrs. Robert Scott, Miss Ann Sugg, and Miss Cleda Hickey.

The Youth Choir from West Helena, under the direction of Mrs. Lehman Webb, came to the school and rehearsed with the group each night.

The Bethabara Church, Lake City, recently closed a seven-day revival, which resulted in eleven additions to the church, two coming by letter and nine by baptism. Arthur M. Norton, pastor of the First Church, Lake City, did the preaching and Paul Owens, music director of First Church, conducted the singing. A special feature of the meeting was the singing of the Junior Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Owens. Eighteen persons came for re-dedication the first night of the revival, and remained for a powerful prayer meeting at the close of the service.

## New Pastor at Heber Springs

W. F. Montgomery, former pastor of Westport Baptist Church, Westport, Indiana, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Heber Springs, and will move on the field the first week in April. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Pastor J. T. Elliff, First Baptist Church, Fordyce, assisted Pastor Edgar Griffin and the First Baptist Church of Bearden in revival services recently.

There were 35 additions to the church on profession of faith and five by letter.

Pastor Griffin highly commends Mr. Elliff as an evangelist and states, "It was the greatest revival that has been in Bearden in many years."

Pastor Thomas H. Richards and the Pleasant Hill Church in Benton County Association had the services of Pastor Stanley Jordan, First Church, Springdale, in recent revival services. There were five additions to the church membership by baptism and two by letter.

Since last December there have been twelve additions to the Pleasant Hill Church by baptism and four by letter. The church membership at present is 59, with a Sunday School enrolment of 76.

## Visual Aids Worker



Miss Maxine Neely has recently been appointed by the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Baptist Book Store as Visual Aids Worker for Arkansas, with headquarters at the Little Rock Store.

Miss Neely is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Neely of Warren, and for the past six years she has been employed by the Agricultural Extension Service in that city. She was an active member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, and served three years as Association Training Union Director for Bartholomew Association. Her experience in a local Baptist church makes her addition to the staff a most valuable one.

Her work will include supervision of the Audio-Visual Aids Department, which has a large film library, and service including Bell and Howell equipment, Society of Visual Education materials, and Beseler products. Films, filmstrips, slides, and non-projected visual aids are also under the supervision of Miss Neely.

Pastor Jesse S. Reed and the Second Church, El Dorado, observed the first anniversary of Pastor Reed's ministry with the Second Church on Sunday, March 6. Among the notable achievements of the year are listed 177 additions to the church membership, 86 of these on profession of faith and baptism; the launching of a building program on a new site, which comprises an entire city block; increased enrolment in all church organization.

The church is using the Broadway plan which has been advertised in the Arkansas Baptist to finance the building program, and has issued \$75,000 in bonds which will enable the church to complete its building program.

Central College will participate in a comprehensive study of higher education on the general college level during the 1949-1950 session. The invitation for the college to participate in the survey came from Dr. Norman Burns, executive secretary of the Higher Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is expected that the results of this survey will be valuable to Junior college administrators and faculties in planning and developing their academic programs.



## Kingdom Progress

### North Side Church, Fort Smith

By ELIZABETH YODER WALKER

The Bethlehem Baptist Church, Fort Smith, was organized in 1915; the present building was erected in 1919. It is in an area becoming less and less fitted for a church, the membership now being about the same in number that it was thirty years ago.

Last fall the church called Ben F. Worley, a capable, devoted worker, as pastor. Feeling definitely that we are being led by the Lord, the church has bought two corner lots at 521 North Sixth Street, a very desirable location, and easily accessible to the present members. We have changed the name of the church from Bethlehem Baptist to North Side Baptist.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on the newly purchased site March 13. Plans are being made for the erection of a temporary building, which will be known as the Temporary Tabernacle of the North Side Church. Architects' plans for a building to replace the temporary tabernacle have been drawn.

A one-week revival was conducted in the First Church, Mena, under the leadership of Pastor Arlie L. McDaniel, who did the preaching, and Walter N. Hill, pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, who led the singing. There were eleven conversions, fourteen additions, several re-dedications, and one surrendered to special service for the Lord. An all-time record was reached March 13, the closing night of the revival, when 271 attended Training Union.

### East Zone Hymn-Sing

Two hundred fifty-four people attended the second Hymn-sing for the East Zone in Pulaski County association on March 13, in the Geyer Springs Church. The program was planned by M. O. Kelley, associational music director, and the congregational singing was led by Mrs. B. W. Nininger. Eight churches were represented, five of them bringing special numbers. Eight pastors were present, five music directors and three pianists. A. E. Ingram, associational missionary, presided over part of the session and expressed his appreciation of the fine way in which the attendance and interest is growing in these monthly Hymn-sings.

The Ironton church which was represented by 84 of their members, invited the next Hymn-sing to be held in their church.

Marvin Faulkner, pastor of the host church led in the opening and closing prayer. Miss Doris Thomas was accompanist for the afternoon.

Evangelist W. J. Morris, Pine Bluff, is scheduled for a revival meeting at Kingsland, Arkansas, March 20-28, in which he will do the preaching and also direct the music. Following the meeting at Kingsland, he will direct the music in a revival at the Harmony Church, Pine Bluff; and from there he goes to the First Church, Rector, to be associated in revival services with Dr. Otto Whittington. E. C. Polk is pastor of the Rector Church.

## First Training School

The Park Hill Church, Taylor Stanfill, pastor, North Little Rock, was organized April 6, 1947, by Taylor Stanfill, who was at that time city missionary in Greater Little Rock under the Home Mission Board.

The new church met in the Park Hill School building and organized a Sunday School with 66 enrolled.

Today the Sunday School of the Park Hill Church numbers 362 and is housed in a new and modern three story educational building located at 200 East "D", Park Hill, North Little Rock.

This vigorous young church conducted its first training school for Sunday School teachers the week of March 14. It was a thoroughly departmentized study course with Mrs. Alton DeBlack teaching the adults and young people; Miss Juanita Straube teaching the intermediate workers; Mrs. J. H. Riviere teaching the Junior workers; Mrs. T. F. Digby Sr. teaching the primary workers; Mrs. Marvin Gullett teaching the Beginner workers; and Mrs. H. P. Jolly the nursery workers.

Out of a total of 67 officers and teachers, 61 qualified for awards at conclusion of the study course.

V. V. Vick, general superintendent, reports that the average attendance for February was 253.5.

In addition to the department courses, classes were conducted by Mrs. Perry Parsons for the Intermediates in music, and for the story hour children by Miss Sarah May. Mrs. C. A. Riley conducted a class for Juniors in Training Union.

## Race Relations

The mission Board of the Mississippi County Association has appointed a Negro Relations Committee consisting of Russell Duffer, chairman; Russell Clubb, and Fred Becker.

During January 500 pounds of left-over Sunday School and Training Union Quarterlies and other religious literature were collected from white churches throughout the association and distributed to the Negro pastors in the county.

Pastor Russell Duffer, New Liberty Church, led a class in the study of the gospel of John in the True Light Baptist Church (colored) of Blytheville. This class was attended by many of the colored pastors of the county. The study course served as a great stimulus to the True Light Church, according to the pastor, L. D. Davenport, who says that people are being saved and joining the church in practically every service of the church.

Pastor Duffer, New Liberty Church, and Pastor Clubb, Osceola Church, also conducted recently a Bible Institute at the Tabernacle Baptist Church (colored) in Osceola.

The response to this work among the Negroes has prompted the committee to plan a county-wide institute for the Negroes and their pastors in the future.

Beech Street Baptists, Texarkana, are rejoicing in the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Mr. Lewis is director of Education and Music and Mrs. Lewis is serving as educational secretary. They are both graduates of Oklahoma Baptist University and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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It is not what comes to use that counts so much, heredity or environment, but what we do with what comes to us."

## Progress at New Liberty

By RUSSELL DUFFER, Pastor

The New Liberty Church, Mississippi County Association, Russell Duffer, pastor, believes in promoting a continuous program of training and evangelism.

The first week in January a study course was taught by the pastor and Missionary C. J. Rushing, using the book, "Studies in John's Gospel" as a guide. Those qualifying for awards numbered 30.

Beginning February 12 the church conducted a youth revival with Pastor D. C. Applegate Jr., First Church, Paragould, doing the preaching, and James B. Johnson, First Church, Tyronza, directing the music. Thomas Langley acted as youth pastor for the week; Jim Tom Weathers served as youth Sunday School superintendent; and Mack Koonce as youth Training Union director. There were eleven additions to the church membership.

The week of March 14-18 was devoted to a Training Union study course. Pastor Russell J. Clubb, First Church, Osceola, led a class of adults in the study of "Our Doctrines"; "Investments in Christian Living" was taught by Mrs. Mable Lunsford of First Church, Blytheville, to a class of young people; Charles Lipford of Calvary Church, Blytheville, led the Intermediates in the study of "Christian Giving"; the Juniors were led in the study of "The Junior and His Church" by Miss Hazel Brannan of First Church, Blytheville; and Miss Billie Turk of First Church, Blytheville, was in charge of the story hour.

B. T. Lander is Training Union director in the New Liberty Church. He brought a carload of his young people to the State Training Union Convention in Little Rock, March 18, 19. Average attendance of the Training Union is 101 with 150 enrolled.

During the month of April, Pastor Duffer and the New Liberty Church plan to organize a mission Sunday School on one of the plantation roads for the benefit of many families who have no conveyance for attendance at New Liberty.

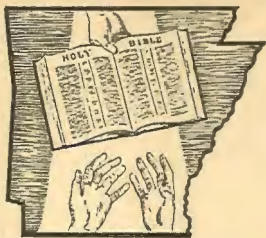
The Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, Dr. John H. Haldeman, pastor, was one of the 36 churches in the Miami Association which participated in a city-wide simultaneous revival February 13-27. The campaign was conducted by Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and who also preached at the Allapattah Church. In the morning worship service Sunday morning, February 20, 206 people united with the church in this one service, 168 of that number were on profession of faith. In the group confessing Christ as Savior was a Jew, a Greek, and a Chinese. The total additions during the two weeks' revival was 333, of which 265 were by baptism. Music for the revival was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble, Shreveport, Louisiana.

## Current River Association Hymn-Sing

The regular quarterly Hymn-sing of Current River association was held at the Biggers Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, March 3. C. F. Gwinup, associational music director was in charge of the program, and Miss Patty Ann Raley was the accompanist. John Parrot led in the invocation, and J. E. Steeley pronounced the benediction.

In addition to several groups of congregational songs, there was a responsive Scripture reading led by A. C. Rudloff, and a special solo by Tom Knight.





Department of  
**MISSIONS**

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

**Mission Films Are Ready For Use**

Two movie films with sound are now ready for showing in the churches which have projectors. One film is on the rural work, while the other shows local missions in action. Just recently the narration has been placed on the films, making it possible for them to be shown in the churches without it being necessary for someone to go along to explain them. These films should be used from week to week. No regular charge will be made. All other films that we know anything about, however, have a rental charge. If the churches using them would like to have a freewill offering for the mission work after the showing of the film, it would be appreciated, and every dollar could be used to a good advantage. Send us your request at once if you would like to show either of these films in your church.

**Trip to Mena**

A. L. McDaniel, pastor of the First Church, Mena, invited the Superintendent of Missions to visit his church and show a mission film Sunday, March 20. The trip into that section proved to be a delightful one in many respects. Saturday night a visit was made to the Acorn Church near Mena. After seeing the movie film of rural missions, a good layman suggested that an offering be taken for the work. With a very small crowd present, they made an offering of \$14.85. Then Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour, a visit was made to the Dallas Avenue Church. This church was established a little more than a year ago as a mission of the First Church, Mena. A few weeks ago the mission was organized into a church and is now a self-supporting, full time church.

It is my privilege to preach to a full house in the First Church Sunday morning and then show the mission film to another large crowd Sunday night. After seeing the film, this church also responded in a special offering to missions and gave \$57.70.

Yes, I enjoyed visiting those churches. C. C. Brown at Acorn, Dean Newberry at Dallas Avenue Church, and A. L. McDaniel at the First Church are all doing an outstanding service.

**Mission Revivals**

Now is the time to make preparations for a number of mission revivals to be conducted during the summer months. Could we not have about 30 such revivals conducted during the coming summer months? Some two to five mission revivals ought to be held in every association by the missionary. In addition the larger churches should all plan to conduct at least one mission revival.

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**BROTHERHOOD  
DEPARTMENT**



209 Baptist Bldg.  
Little Rock  
NELSON F. TULL  
Secretary

**The Social Committee—  
Suggested Activities**

*"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love"*  
(Colossians 2:2a).

The general purpose of this committee is to provide occasions for Christian fellowship and fun for members of the Brotherhood, and their wives and families.

1. Provide coffee and pie or other simple refreshments at the close of Brotherhood meetings.
2. Provide on occasion an after-Brotherhood-meeting singing.
3. When the Brotherhood meeting is to be a banquet affair, plan the banquet.
4. Provide at least once each year a Brotherhood social for the men and their wives.
5. Plan an annual church-wide social or picnic. Let the men prepare the food and supervise every phase of the affair.
6. Plan an annual fish-fry or barbecue for the men and boys of the church.
7. Cast all social activities on a spiritual plane. Allow nothing questionable to come in.
8. Provide a place and facilities for wholesome recreation for men and other groups.

**Women's Missionary Union**

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention

209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

Mrs. F. E. GOODBAR

MISS NANCY COOPER

President

Executive Secretary and Treasurer

**Winner in Missionary Reading Contest**

Miss Judith Lynn Kyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kyle, Malvern, won the Missionary Reading Contest conducted at Intermediate G. A. Conference, March 5.

She chose for her reading "Preacher Yu" taken from *Tales from China* by Alice Hudson Lewis. A silver loving cup was awarded the winner, and on the cup are engraved the names of winners of former years and in whose care the cup was entrusted for the year in which they won the contest.

Only A-1 Girls' Auxiliaries may have an entrant in the contest. Judging is done on the basis of interpretation of the missionary message of the reading, memory, poise, and enunciation. Last year's winner was Harriett Williams, also from First Church, Malvern. Miss Roylynn Humble is counselor of their Auxiliary.

Other contestants were the



Misses Helen Patterson, Camden, Nell Jones, Stephens, and Barbara Ann Pruitt, Blytheville.

**Some Gleanings From Annual Meeting Reports**

**Figures for 1948**

Total Number W. M. U. Organizations	1,763
Number W. M. S.	506
Number New Societies	58
Number Young People's Organizations	1,257
Number New Young People's Organizations	214
Number Business Woman's Circles	160
Number New Business Woman's Circles	20
Number Full Graded Unions	134
Increase of 16 over previous year	
Number A-1 Full Graded Unions	3
Blytheville, Calvary; Dumas, First; Horatio, First	
Number A-1 Young People's Organizations	76

**Stewardship**

Number Tithers Reported	7,180
W. M. S.	5,359
Young People	1,821
New Tithers for 1948	1,582
W. M. S.	1,106
Young People	476
Total Gifts Reported	\$776,871.88
Increase for the year \$19,131.31	
Special Mission Offerings: Included in above total—	
State Missions	\$16,505.12
Home Missions	19,329.02
Foreign Missions	59,991.97
Baptist Honor Club	5,461.51

**Mission Study**

Number Mission Study Classes	1,602
W. M. S.	1,089
Young People	513
Honor Societies, 100 per cent of membership reading a Mission Study Book	51
Number Pioneer Classes	7

**Community Missions**

Number Organizations reporting Directed Community Missions	513
W. M. S.	255
Young People	258



# Religious Education

EDGAR WILLIAMSON, DIRECTOR

EDGAR WILLIAMSON  
Sunday School Superintendent  
RALPH W. DAVIS  
Training Union Director  
Baptist Building, Little Rock

T. D. McCULLOCH  
Student Union Secretary  
MRS. B. W. NININGER  
Church Music Director



## Mark These Important Dates

**Associational Vacation Bible School Conferences.** Association-al Vacation Bible School conferences will be held in every association in Arkansas this year. Many have already been held, and others are planned for March and April. Churches are urged to co-operate with the associational Vacation Bible School leaders as they seek to announce and conduct a Vacation Bible School conference in the association, either separately or in connection with the regular Workers' Conference. Arkansas' Vacation Bible School goal for this year is 600 schools.

**Youth Choir Festival, Friday, April 15, at Ouachita College,** from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. Dr. Warren Angell, dean of the School of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University, will direct rehearsals and the festival, which will take place at 7:30 in the evening. All choirs receiving rating of "A" or "B" will be eligible to go to Ridgecrest the week of August 25-31, and participate in the Convention Youth Choir Festival.

**Junior Choir Festival, Saturday, April 16, on the campus of Ouachita College.** Individual selections will be adjudicated, and rehearsals will be conducted by Dr. Warren Angell. A Twilight Festival will be the concluding event of the day session. Certificates of award will be given, and all groups making a rating of "A" or "B" will be eligible to go to Ridgecrest and participate in the Convention-wide Junior Choir Festival, during August 25-31.

Directors of both Youth Choir and Junior Choir groups should notify Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Church Music director, at once stating how many singers and listeners expect to attend these festivals. A registration fee of \$2.00 includes two meals in the college dining hall.

**Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs, July 5-13.** This should be the best assembly ever held. Reservations are being received daily. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Church, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the

Second Church, Little Rock, are to be the principal speakers. Gale Dunn, minister of Education and Music, Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, is to direct the music. The assembly tabernacle has already been enlarged, and other improvements are going ahead which should make the grounds more attractive than ever. Those planning to attend this assembly, are urged to send in reservations just as soon as possible. A \$2.00 reservation fee should accompany each name for which reservation is made. It will be well to keep in mind that assembly-owned cabins are reserved only for husband and wife, and their families.

**Better Bible Teaching Clinic, Pine Bluff, October 2-7.** The Religious Education Department, in co-operation with the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will conduct a Better Bible Teaching Clinic in Pine Bluff, during the week of October 2-7. Complete details will be announced later. Churches should plan now to send one or more of their Sunday School teachers to this clinic. The only expense to those accepted for full time enrolment, will be transportation to and from Pine Bluff, and a registration fee. All meals and books will be supplied to accepted clinicians.

**State Sunday School Convention, Second Church, Little Rock, Monday and Tuesday, October 17-18.** This will be the most important event for Sunday School workers to be held this year, and churches should begin now to plan to send as many Sunday School workers as possible. All the workers of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, are dated for this important event. Leading workers of the state will also be on the program. Dr. Perry F. Webb, pastor of the First Church, San Antonio, will be the principal speaker. Full and complete details will be announced later. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free to those registering for this Convention.

All of these events have been arranged with but one purpose in mind—to help the workers in the churches, so that together we may reach more people for the teaching and the preaching of the Word of God that more souls may be won to Christ. For this reason, we urge all of the churches to participate in the promotion of these outstanding events scheduled for this year in Arkansas.

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## Figures to Inspire

Sunday, March 20, 1949

	M. S.	W. U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1244	435	4
Including Missions	1557	627	5
Fort Smith, First	1190	471	7
Second, Little Rock	1011	197	2
El Dorado, First	915	274	1
Little Rock, First	824	352	1
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	773	436	3
Including Mission	826	458	
Pine Bluff, First	765	229	
Hot Springs, Second	752	195	1
Pine Bluff, South Side	625	259	9
Including Mission	688		
Forrest City, First	559	216	
McGehee, First	542	171	17
Including Mission	634	203	
Benton, First	540	159	1
El Dorado, Second	539	222	3
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	515	189	
Camden, First	513	128	4
Including Mission	714	286	
Fayetteville, First	500	219	4
Including Mission	554	239	
Arkadelphia, First	490	163	8
Magnolia, Central	488	153	3
Including Mission	606		
Paris, First	477	162	2
Little Rock, Tabernacle	473	149	
Malvern, First	473	143	1
Including Mission	504		
Hope, First	467	90	
Including Mission	492		
Springdale, First	466	254	1
Including Missions	634		
Paragould, First	457	208	
Including Missions	626	283	
Warren, First	457	113	2
Fordyce, First	452	210	
Hot Springs, Central	423	131	3
Including Mission	497	184	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	421	131	
Little Rock, Gaines Street	414	271	2
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	408	76	
Russellville, First	412	178	
Including Mission	459	200	
El Dorado, Immanuel	407	234	1
Including Mission	457	272	7
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	395	138	3
N. Little Rock, First	391	103	1
Including Mission	424		
Conway, First	387	43	9
West Helena	382	170	
Stuttgart, First	381	226	4
Including Mission	454	272	5
Texarkana, Beech Street	381	145	5
Lake City, First	372	225	3
Hot Springs, Park Place	362	126	
Hot Springs, First	361	84	
Stamps, First	358	166	20
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	357	97	
Siloam Springs, First	353	195	2
Cullendale	349	183	1

## Bible Reader's Guides For Second Quarter Now Available

Book Marks containing the daily Bible readings for the second quarter are here. Order your supply, free, from your State Training Union Director.

## Attention, Training Union People!

IF YOU DESIRE TRANSPORTATION TO RIDGECREST for third Training Union Week, July 21-27, write Ralph W. Davis, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, immediately. Your reservation must be made with Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, by April 1. Send Mr. Guy \$2.00 for registration fee.

Smackover, First	340	131	6
Little Rock, South Highland	328	113	
Rogers, First	325	115	2
Nashville, First	325	104	2
Gentry, First	302	123	
Jacksonville, First	288	122	
El Dorado, West Side	286	119	
Pine Bluff, Second	277	113	5
Norphet, First	275	224	8
Ft. Smith, South Side	275	73	1
Little Rock, Calvary	269	112	3
Harrison, First	260	102	7
Including Mission	356	126	
Mena, First	257	105	
Monticello, First	256	126	
Texarkana, Calvary	255	103	
Greenwood, First	251	87	1
Dumas, First	251	83	2
N. Little Rock, Central	229		
DeQueen, First	227	90	
Alma, First	225	99	
Bentonville, First	225	50	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	221	84	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	207	93	1
Trumann, First	183	83	
Including Mission	222		
Little Rock, Hebron	178	106	
Little Rock, High Street	175		2
Sylvan Hills, First	156	57	1
Levy, First	149	70	
Douglassville, First	149		
Mount Ida, First	148	103	
North Little Rock, Pike Avenue	148	69	3
Strong, First	148	56	
Hoxie, First	146	46	
Elliot, First	139	143	
Monticello, Second	133	111	1
Little Rock, Woodlawn	127	57	2
Pine Bluff, Central	122	92	1
Ft. Smith, Temple	120	46	
Kensett	118	80	
Eureka Springs, First	117	59	
Fountain Hill, First	115	70	
Dardanelle, First	115	42	
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	112	94	
Mena, Dallas Avenue	103	31	4
Grannis	102	90	
Shorewood Hills	99	63	3
El Dorado, Parkview	99	44	
Wilmar	97	53	
Ft. Smith, North Side	97	35	1
Hot Springs, Lake Hamilton	96	58	
Bradley, First	94		
Melbourne	90	85	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	88	61	
El Dorado, Joyce City	88	59	
Little Rock, Tyler Street	85	23	
Monte Ne	82	64	
Little Rock, East End	80	67	5
Geyer Springs	79	67	1
Little Rock, Shady Grove	78	42	
Martindale	69	52	
Rogers, Pleasant Hill	69	46	
Desha, First	65	40	
Little Rock, West Side	65	38	3
Monticello, North Side	57		
Douglassville, Second	52	53	
Huntington	51	35	
Liberty	43		
Little Rock, Bellevue	42		



# Turning Toward the Cross

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

The first Sunday in April marks the beginning of the second quarter of the year's lesson cycle. The theme of last quarter, the "Life of Jesus Christ," is continued. All of our lessons these three months will center around the last year of our Lord's life, climaxing with His resurrection and subsequent commission to all believers to carry forward His work of evangelizing the world.

Beginning with this week's lesson we observe a distinct turning point in the ministry of Jesus; His time on earth is rapidly coming to a close. He had been clearly rejected by the rulers of the people and had aroused their intense hatred. Herod Antipas feared Him and even wondered if He were John the Baptist, risen to life to haunt him for his wickedness. Jesus' method of teaching changes; He uses parables, veiling spiritual meanings from those with hardened hearts. He makes frequent withdrawals, touching those outside of the circle of Israelites with His ministry. In this He has a far-reaching message for the twelve; His teaching with them is different now as He seeks more opportunities to talk privately with them. This lesson, "Turning Toward the Cross," reveals some ways in which Jesus prepared His disciples for His approaching death on the cross and the necessity of it.

He began this preparation by:

## A Question

Jesus, with the twelve, left Bethsaida and went into the towns of Caesarea Philippi. Here Jesus was out of Antipas' territory, away from the intense hostile attitude of the Jewish leaders and from the curious mob in Galilee. It was a good place for Him to rest some and to spend important moments with the disciples.

Before He could effectively lead the twelve to understand about the coming events in all their lives, Jesus had to lead them to reveal some things in their hearts. He went about this by asking a most important question: "Whom do men say that I am?" Jesus asks them what were the opinions of the people. Various replies were given Jesus. The disciples said some believe that He is John the Baptist, risen from death, others that He is one of the prophets of old risen to life. The people did not believe He was the Messiah, the Son of God. They did believe He was some unusual person, a mighty teacher, or one even resurrected to life.

The important question Jesus asked the disciples after the answers to the initial question was:

## Sunday School Lesson for

April 3, 1949

Mark 8:27-34; Luke 9:28-35,51

"But whom say ye that I am?" We can read a pleading, yearning note as Jesus implied that the people did not know Him, but surely the disciples did, his own followers! Then Peter, impulsive, warm-hearted, close to his Lord, taught by the power of God, boldly answered: "Thou art the Christ!"

How joyously Christ must have received Peter's confession. Then we hear Him say, "Tell no man." The time was not full come. He must yet be crucified, be risen and return to commission the disciples and instruct them to wait for the coming of power upon them.

It isn't enough to believe about Jesus, to admit His greatness, and even His atoning death. It is necessary for one to believe in Him, know Him as Savior by trusting His shed blood and know Him as Master and Lord by serving Him and receiving the power which He gives. He continued the preparation by:

## A Rebuke

The faith of the disciples, made evident by Peter, the spokesman, led Jesus to teach them plainly of His coming suffering, rejection, death, and glorious resurrection. The going to the cross was of absolute necessity. Jesus said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things," but Peter, again impulsive, and this time not comprehending, protested that Jesus should suffer and be put to death. Speaking entirely on his own, Peter just could not endure the thoughts of those teachings of Jesus. The Lord continued His preparation of His followers as He sharply rebuked Peter for such a saying and the others for thinking along those lines. He turned toward the disciples, definitely including them, and spoke to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan." His rebuke said that Peter did not understand the things of God. Here is the Devil again, tempting Jesus, for he spoke through Peter

what he said to Jesus in the wilderness—leave out the cross! Jesus would have them know that no redemption was possible without the cross.

Jesus intensifies the preparation by:

## A Revelation

That the disciples might fully understand the deity of Jesus and the necessity of His future death upon the cross with the light of the resurrection penetrating the dark, Jesus took three of them to the mountain top with Him. This experience of the supernatural change of Jesus, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, and the actual voice of God is one of the peaks of our Christian belief. It is a glorious revelation of the life of our Savior, the positive proof of our Father, the truth of identity on the other side and the fulfillment of all the Scripture in the Son of God.

Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him to the place of prayer to witness this Heavenly Revelation. They saw the Lord change as His face blazed with His own glory, radiating through the human face; they watched as even His clothes glistened white with heavenly splendor. Then there "appeared" Moses and Elijah. They talked with Him of

the time ahead for Him in Jerusalem. Both the law and the prophets had foretold these things; there is absolute harmony in it all.

It is suggested that as these two servants of old encourage Jesus, they also give Him a glimpse of Home and the glory which shall follow the suffering and death. When they were gone, Peter, with his heart stirred, speaks out again. "Let us stay here," was his reaction to the holy beauty of the hour. But Jesus "must" leave the glory for the cross first and the disciples must witness these sufferings, be empowered, witness to others of the glorious gospel and suffer themselves.

Then they heard the voice! The cloud, the Shekinah of God, overshadowed them and the Father spoke His love and approval of His Son.

Jesus steadfastly kept to the path of the cross. May we hold it high for men to believe.

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## Are We Going Over the Top?

Some churches have not made contributions this month for the Cooperative Program. In fact, there are a few churches that have not made an undesignated contribution for the Cooperative Program since the first of January.

When you read this issue of the paper you will have just two days in which to send us a contribution, and have it listed in the list of receipts for the First Quarter of 1949.

Remember that we do not handle the W. M. U. Annie Armstrong offering. The Woman's Missionary Union office handles that fund. We do not receipt for it, and we do not publish the contributions.

You will want your church and pastor's name listed in the published list of quarterly receipts. Be sure to speak to your pastor and treasurer about an offering for the Cooperative Program for the first quarter. Please do not be late in getting your contribution to our office.

### Do Not Forget the Honor Club

We are getting up above the halfway mark on the fund for another payment on the Honor Debts. This will be the seventh payment on the old bonds. Then there will remain only three-tenths of the entire amount that we set out to make up in paying the entire principle amount of the outstanding bonds. Counting the old notes, when we shall have made this next payment we will have paid approximately three-fourths of the entire balance that we set out to pay.

It would be great if we could make this seventh payment on the old bonds before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Send in your money for the Honor Fund. Get others to join the Honor Club.

### Three Reasons Why We Must Finish the Ouachita Campaign

By E. C. BROWN

I believe that I voice the sentiment of each and every Arkansas Baptist when I say that we should do our best to finish the Ouachita College Campaign for one million dollars this year. Ouachita College is our senior college, and therefore, the only Baptist institution in the State where our young people can complete their college education. Both of our fine Junior Colleges and their splendid administrations heartily agree in this matter. They are doing a splendid job in their respective fields, but they, along with all the rest of us, are anxious for Ouachita College to continue her great ministry to the Baptist

young people of our state. It is absolutely essential that our young people be able to finish their college training in one of our Baptist institutions.

There are certain buildings, such as the Science and Library buildings, which are urgently needed now by Ouachita College in order that the proper sort of education may be provided for our young people. The North Central Association has pointed out this need to the Ouachita College Board. Baptist young people deserve the very best in Christian education, and this can only be given to them by a Baptist institution when that institution has the necessary equipment and the necessary buildings in which to house such equipment.

In closing, I would venture this assertion, that if in the spirit of Christ, Arkansas Baptists will band themselves together in one mighty effort to finish the Ouachita Campaign, victory will be assured. Let us do it in the spirit of Christ to the end that we as Arkansas Baptists, out of hearts of love, will match the challenge of the hour with gifts that are liberal and adequate.

### Why We Should Finish Up the Ouachita Campaign With a Complete Victory

By M. E. Cole

1. Because we want to show Ouachita how much we appreciate the service she has rendered to our Baptist life in Arkansas, and to the ends of the earth.
2. Because of the urgent need for Baptist trained and educated leaders that will know how to cope with the many "isms" and infidelities of our day, and lead our churches through to victory for the old time gospel truth.
3. Because our youth of today and tomorrow are looking to us for educational opportunities that will properly prepare them for their maximum best for Christ and a lost world.

### Three Reasons Why We Must Finish the Ouachita Campaign

By C. L. DURRETT

1. Because the Baptist cause in Arkansas will suffer if we fail.
2. Unless we furnish adequate facilities comparable to other colleges in the state, we will lose our best students.
3. Because we must maintain our scholastic standing in the North Central Association or go out of business.

### Professors and Rabbi Arguing

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise says "I am going to speak for peace—to the last breath of my life."

Rabbi Wise made the declaration last night in taking note of a statement by Catholic University professors in Washington.

The professors accused Rabbi Wise of a "false and malicious" statement in saying "the largest of Christian churches is unequivocally for war."

Dr. Wise is head of the American Jewish Congress.

Ten Catholic university professors had this to say of the comment in Rabbi Wise's sermon here:

"We denounce this statement as deliberately untrue, as designed to stir up religious bigotry, and as an unjust attack upon millions of our fellow Americans.

"It is as well a calumny upon millions of other Catholics and their leaders throughout the world who have already suffered so grievously from war.

"No secular leaders have worked so hard to maintain peace and to prevent war as have the popes and members of the Catholics hierarchy.

"We call upon responsible Jewish leaders and others to join with us in denouncing a wanton attempt to spread distrust of American leadership in world affairs and to stir up hatred and dissension among the American people."

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### Don't Delay Your Part In the O. B. C. Campaign

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*He was just going to pay his debts,  
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*He was just going to insure his house,  
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*He was just going to stop drinking,  
when his health failed . . .*

*He was just going to start attending  
church . . . when he died!"*